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SUBJ: MIYAZAWA VISIT

REF: TOKYO 4133

STATE 72330

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA MADE FOLLOWING BRIEF STATEMENT TO PRESS FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING MORNING APRIL 1: QTE AFTER THE CABINET MEETING I OBTAINED THE PRIME MINISTER'S APPROVAL OF MY PLAN TO LEAVE TOKYO AFTER PRESIDENT CEAU-DESCU DEPARTS ON PARIL 9 AND TO HAVE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON ON PARIL 10 AND 11. DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN WORKED OUT AND THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION (REGARDING THOSE DETAILS) FROM THE PRIME MINISTER. I WOULD LIKE TO DISPENSE WITH ANY PROTOCOL IN THE U.S. AND CONCENTRATE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND OTHERS. I HAVE NO FURTHER WISH THAN THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS TRIP STRICTLY BUSINESS AND CONCLUDE IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR OUR AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHERS TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH US. AS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRAVELLING PARTY, I HAVE LEFT THAT UP TO VICE MINISTER TOGO. UNQTE.

2. AS FORESHADOWED BY YAMAZAKI'S REMARKS REF A, APRIL 1 MORNING PRESS CARRIED FAIRLY ACCURATE STORIES ON VISIT PLAN, SOME PAPERS, HOWEVER, ALSO REFERRED IN PASSING TO THE

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POSSIBILITY THAT MIYAZAWA MIGHT MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

YAMAZAKI, IN CONVERSATION REPORTED REF A, MADE NEGATIVE REFERENCE TO THIS POSSIBILITY, SAYING THAT MIYAZAWA INTENDED TO CONCENTRATE ONLY ON MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY AND SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND DID NOT INTEND TO ASK FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD. (COMMENT: FONOFF IBVIOUSLY CONSIDERS IT INAPPROPRIATE TO SUGGEST MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, BUT JUST AS OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF IT WERE OFFERED.)

3. FONOFF THIS MORNING EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH DEPARTMENT'S PLANS FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS HANDLING OF ANNOUNCEMENT REF B, ASKING ONLY THAT SPOKESMAN NOT CONTRADICT MINISTER'S INDICATION TO LOCAL PRESS THAT WASHINGTON MEETINGS WOULD EXTEND OVER APRIL 10 AND 11.
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